

## THE NEW PLAYS

*"The Old Soak"*  
*Human as Old Rip*

By CHARLES DARNTON

WHETHER you accept or suffer Prohibition you are sure to enjoy "The Old Soak," for this entertaining comedy by Don Marquis, distilled last night at the Plymouth Theatre, is funny enough to make even the blindest laugh. When called out by an audience that fairly thirsted for him, the reassuring author described it as "an innocent play compounded of buchu leaves, juniper berries and bark of the wild haw." If his nerves can stand it, we might add it was certainly productive of the wild haw-haw.

Familiar as they were with the character, readers of Don Marquis must have been surprised and no less rejoiced at the ease with which his Old Soak swung into a play. Human and lovable as old Rip, he made friends at once and put the house in a glow with something more than the warmth that comes from the forbidden bottle. Yet there was no obvious attempt to put Clem Hawley in a good light. In fact, he was shown up as a pretty bad lot who had sold his garage and thoroughly established himself as the village drunkard, so busy hunting for a job that he had no time to look for work. Poor Ma Hawley was worried nearly sick, of course, fearful lest she should be compelled to sell her few shares of express company stock to meet the next payment on the house. Then there was a bad boy who had spent so much on an even worse "dame" of the cabarets that he was behind in his accounts at the office and in a fair way to go to jail when the auditor came around to go over the books. In such a household the clock could not possibly be considered a safe place in which to keep Ma's shares, but there they were until the erring youth took them out and slipped them in his pocket. It only needed Cousin Webster, an oily-tongued money shark, to help along the dirty work by buying the shares at a bargain. Naturally, Clem was suspected of the theft and he let the

It wasn't this simple plot, you may be sure, but the humor and characterization that made the play. Clem was full of good stuff, and he had for drinking partners an erstwhile bartender who recalled the happy days when it was an education to him just to listen to the discussions that went on across the bar, and a hired girl who had once been chambermaid in a roadhouse. "Al" brought a bottle of hooch he had made, but when Nellie tried it on a parrot the grateful bird laid an egg and then died happily. For his part Clem seemed to be taking terrible chances by keeping his bottle in the fireplace.

Harry Berenford was a merry old soak, brimming over with good nature, and huskily convincing in tone. He even managed a monologue while drinking to himself in the looking-glass of the mantel and then joining with imaginary cronies as though he were back at the bar. Robert E. O'Connor as "Al" gargled his liquor expertly, and though inclined to be farcical Eva Williams was a screamingly funny hired girl. Ma's troubles were sensitively reflected by Minnie Dupree. Robert McDade forsook his old time grouse and spread the oil cleverly as the scheming banker, and George Le Guerre was a very good bad boy.

Mr. Marquis deserves to be heartily congratulated and credited with an unmistakable success in his first stage venture. His Old Soak is not, as Clem admits, one of the Twelve Apostles. But it surely hits the spot.

## NOMINATION OF DU PONT MEETS NO OPPOSITION.

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## IN NEW YORK TO-DAY.

Board of Education, meeting, hall of the board, Park Avenue and 34th Street, 4 P. M.  
National Garment Retailers Association, style show, 71st Regiment Armory, evening.  
National Retail Dry Goods Association, meeting, Grand Central Palace and 71st Regiment Armory, 11 A. M.  
National Merchandise Fair, Grand Central Palace and 71st Regiment Armory.  
Kiwanis Club, luncheon, McAlpin, 12.30 P. M.

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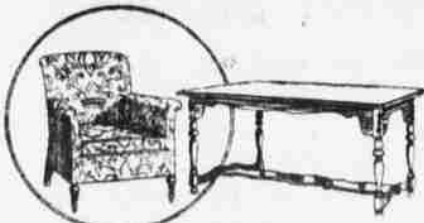
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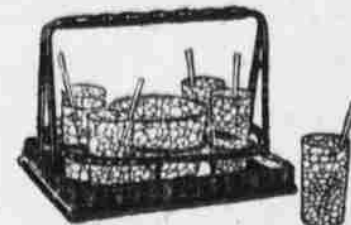
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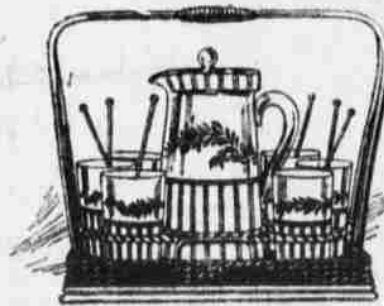
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